

28918 to 28922.

From Christiania, Norway. Presented by Prof. Dr. Wille, director, Botanic Garden. Received October 24 and 25, 1910.

Seeds of the following:

28918. *MEDICAGO FALCATA* L.

28919. *MEDICAGO SATIVA* L.

Alfalfa.

Variety *malthei*. "This is a new variety which has not yet been described and which is larger and much hardier than the main variety. *Medicago sativa* is used very little in Norway for its economic importance, as it is not very hardy. A dealer in dyestuffs, O. Malthe, was very much interested in this question. He experimented and finally succeeded in discovering this variety and endeavored to disseminate it. The farmers, however, did not want to cultivate lucern because they find *Trifolium pratense* and *Phleum pratense* more profitable.

"I wish to call your attention to the fact that the seed of *M. sativa* var. *malthei* may possibly represent crosses with the closely related main variety; however, only to a limited extent. If all the seeds are planted some plants of the pure variety will likely be obtained." (*Wille*.)

28920. *MEDICAGO SATIVA VARIA* (Mart.) Urb.

Sand lucern.

28921. *MELILOTUS SULCATA* Desf.

Distribution.—Throughout the Mediterranean region from Portugal and the Canary Islands to Palestine, and in the oases of the Libyan Desert.

28922. *TRIGONELLA CAERULEA* (L.) Ser.

See No. 27146 for previous introduction.

28923 to 28925. ASPARAGUS spp.

Asparagus.

From Tunis, northern Africa. Presented by Mr. L. Guillochon, Jardin d'Essais de Tunis. Received October 27, 1910.

Seeds of the following:

28923. *ASPARAGUS CRISPUS* Lam.

Distribution.—In the coast region of Cape Colony in the vicinities of Hopefield, Table Mountain, Simons Bay, and in British Kaffraria.

28924. *ASPARAGUS OFFICINALIS* L.

28925. *ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI* Regel.

Distribution.—The vicinity of Port Natal in Natal, South Africa. Commonly cultivated in the United States as an ornamental house plant.

28926 to 28928.

From China. Presented by Mr. T. J. League, Tsingtau, China, who obtained them through Rev. G. E. Baker, English Baptist Mission, Tsingchowfu, Shantung, China. Received October 27, 1910.

Cuttings.

NOTE.—Three tubes were received in this shipment, although from Mr. League's letter it would appear that four different lots of material were sent. There were apparently no markings on either tubes or cuttings, so S. P. I. numbers could be assigned only to the three bundles. The notes on this material, furnished by Mr. League, appear on the following page.

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